

Executive for Personnel & Administration

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Chief, Legislative Liaison Branch

Projects of Legislative Liaison Branch for week ending 29 October 1946

1. The following projects are currently being developed by the Legislative Liaison Branch:

- a. Memorandum prepared indicating that, as a matter of law, a witness before a Congressional Committee must answer all questions put by the Committee which are pertinent to the inquiry. However, it is probable that certain highly classified documents could be withheld from a Committee, based on a 1941 ruling of the Attorney General.
- b. Recommendation that C.I.G. request membership on the President's Scientific Research Board rejected by Executive Director, on basis that General Vandenberg's membership on the Policy Council, Joint Research and Development Board made such action unnecessary.
- c. Copies of Minority Report of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives on the matter of wartime handling of classified documents secured for necessary distribution. Majority Report not yet available.
- d. Preparation of a preliminary draft of proposed legislation creating a National Intelligence Authority and a Central Intelligence Agency is still in progress.
- e. A representative of ONI came to discuss revision of the Espionage Laws of the United States, and this matter will continue to be held in abeyance pending a decision of the Department of Justice on its position in this matter.

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